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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Preliminary to examination of the above-captioned patent application, please amend the specification as follows:

## IN THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the Abstract as follows (a marked up copy of the amended specification is attached to this Amendment):

**Please replace the Abstract paragraph at page 56, lines 3-14, with the following:**

A video game player can easily target and attack one or more enemies in a video game environment. The player may quickly designate an enemy on a display screen as a target and associate the enemy with a controller button on a video game controller. When the game player actuates the controller button, a player character initiates an attack on the targeted enemy that is assigned or associated with the

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